

AGENDA



Thursday, March 10, 2011

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 8**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with RODRIGUEZ BARR INC. DBA THE BARR COMPANY, AIA, Austin, TX for Ground Transportation Staging Area (GTSA) Relocation and Renovation at the Austin Bergstrom International Airport in the amount of \$4,209,000 plus a \$420,900 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,629,900.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Aviation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Robin A. Camp, 974-7830; Richard Chaney, 530-6659; Susan Garnett, 974-7064; Felecia Shaw, 974-7141

Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of six bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 7.45% MBE and 14.32% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by the Airport Advisory Commission on March 9, 2011.

Prior Council Action: October 1, 2009 - Council approved a Resolution directing the City Manager to develop a plan for a taxicab driver climate controlled facility at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

In September 2009, the Taxi Drivers Association of Austin expressed concerns with the conditions of the Ground Transportation Staging Area at the Austin Bergstrom International Airport (ABIA). ABIA serves approximately 9 million passengers a year and taxi drivers provide a critical service to those passengers. As "Ambassadors for the City," ground transportation service providers also produce revenue for the City of Austin through the airport surcharge. Concerns expressed by the taxi drivers included the inadequate size of the facility, inadequate restrooms, lack of break conveniences, and a lack of climate controlled waiting space. This project will include renovation of an existing building at ABIA to serve as the new Ground Transportation Staging Area. The renovated, fully climate controlled facility will alleviate overcrowding and provide improved waiting areas with adequate facilities for drivers prior to passenger pickup. It will also allow for efficient queuing and dispatching of drivers. The facility will utilize a state-of-the-art automated vehicle identification and revenue collection system to collect airport surcharge fees. Due to an accelerated schedule, a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders.

The contract allows 120 calendar days for completion of this project. This project is located within zip code 78719.